

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of attaching a straw package to a foil bag having a triangular cross section, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of foil bags having a base and a first side wall comprising a first film and a second side wall comprising a second film, the first wall being connected to the second wall at an acute angle therewith~~with respect to the first side wall, the first film including a plurality of first side edges overlapping and adhered to a plurality of second side edges of the second film, the first film having a first top edge connected to a second top edge of the second film, the base being connected to a bottom edge of the first film and to a bottom edge of a second film;~~ wherein the foil bags are constructed to stand with the base located toward the bottom of the foil bag;

providing a plurality of straw packages having an adhesive thereon and a cover strip covering the adhesive;

positioning ~~a~~ each of the foil bags ~~bag~~ on a conveyor belt such that the foil bag lies on the conveyor belt on ~~a~~ the first side wall, so that the second side wall is at an acute angle with the conveyor belt;

removing the cover strip from the plurality of straw packages and exposing the adhesive;

providing a lever having a depressing arm and a pivoting arm;

rotating the pivoting arm of the lever to displace the depressing arm downward toward the conveyor belt to apply a one straw package onto the second side wall at an acute angle to the conveyor belt such that the adhesive of the straw package contacts the second side wall.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method of attaching a straw package to a bag having a first rectangular film piece connected to a second rectangular film piece along three edges thereof, the foil bag also having a base connected to a bottom edge of the first rectangular film piece and to a bottom edge of the second rectangular film piece such that the foil bag has a triangular cross section, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of bags having a base, a first side wall and a second side wall, wherein the first side wall and the second side wall share at least two edges, and the bags are constructed to stand on the base;

positioning a bag on a conveyor belt such that the bag lays on the conveyor belt on the first side wall, and the second side wall is at an acute angle with the conveyor belt;

providing a plurality of straw packages from above the conveyor belt, the straw packages having an adhesive thereon and a cover strip covering the adhesive;

providing a lever having a depressing arm and a pivoting arm;

rotating the pivoting arm of the lever to displace the depressing arm downward toward the conveyor belt to apply a straw package to the second side wall at an acute

angle with the conveyor belt and substantially parallel to the second side wall such that the adhesive contacts the second side wall.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method of attaching a straw package to a foil bag having a first rectangular film piece connected to a second rectangular film piece along three edges thereof, the foil bag also having a base connected to a bottom edge of the first rectangular film piece and to a bottom edge of the second rectangular film piece such that the foil bag has a triangular cross section, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of foil bags having a base and a first side wall comprising a first film and a second side wall comprising a second film, the first wall being connected to the second wall at an acute angle therewith, the first film including a plurality of first side edges overlapping and adhered to a plurality of second side edges of the second film, the first film having a first top edge connected to a second top edge of the second film, the base being connected to a bottom edge of the first film and to a bottom edge of a second film; wherein the bags are constructed to stand with the base located toward the bottom of the bag;

~~providing a plurality of bags having a base and a first side wall and a second side wall at an acute angle with respect to the first side wall, wherein the bags are constructed to stand with the base located toward the bottom of the bag;~~

positioning a foil bag on the conveyor belt such that the foil bag lays on the conveyor belt on a first side wall, so that the second side wall is at an acute angle with the conveyor belt;

providing a transfer drum above the conveyor belt, the transfer drum being rotatable about an axis substantially parallel to the second side wall;

providing a plurality of straw packages on the periphery of the transfer drum, a straw package being positioned substantially parallel to the second side wall, the straw package having an adhesive thereon covered by a cover strip;

providing a lever having a depressing arm and a pivoting arm;

removing the cover strip and exposing the adhesive; and

rotating the pivoting arm of the lever to displace the depressing arm downward toward the conveyor belt to apply the straw package onto the second side wall such that the adhesive of the straw package contacts the second side wall while maintaining the straw package substantially parallel to the second side wall.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising applying an adhesive on the straw package prior to applying the straw package onto the second side wall.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for applying straw packages onto bags having a first rectangular film piece connected to a second rectangular film piece along three edges thereof, the foil bag also having a base connected to a bottom edge of the first rectangular film

piece and to a bottom edge of the second rectangular film piece such that the foil bag has a triangular cross section, the apparatus comprising:

a conveyor belt constructed and arranged to convey a plurality of bags;

a straw package supplying assembly for supplying a plurality of straw packages having an adhesive thereon;

a transfer assembly positioned above the conveyor belt,

the transfer assembly constructed and arranged to receive a plurality of straw packages from the straw package supply assembly,

the transfer assembly having a straw retaining member constructed and arranged to retain the straw packages at an acute angle to the conveyor belt such that the adhesive faces the conveyor belt, the transfer assembly also including a straw applying member having a depressing arm and a pivoting arm, wherein rotating the pivoting arm of the lever displaces the depressing arm downward toward the conveyor belt to displace a straw package away from the retaining member and to apply the straw package onto one of the plurality of bags.

14. (Currently Amended) A system for applying straw packages onto foil bags having a triangular cross section, the system comprising:

a plurality of bags having a first side having a first film having a rectangular shape and a second side having a second film having a rectangular shape,

wherein the first film includes a plurality of first side edges, a first top edge and a first bottom edge, the second film includes a plurality of second side edges, a second top edge and a second bottom edge, and wherein the first film overlaps and is adhered to the second film proximate the first side edges,

wherein the first top edge is connected to the second top edge;

the plurality of bags further having and a base connected to the first film and the second film proximate the first bottom edge and the second bottom edge, wherein the bags are constructed and arranged to stand on the base;

the plurality of bags having a cross section having a triangular shape defined by the first side, the second side and the base;

a conveyor belt constructed and arranged to convey the plurality of bags with the first side facing up and the second side contacting the conveyor belt;

a plurality of straw packages connected to one another, the straw packages having an adhesive thereon, the adhesive being covered by a removable cover strip;

a transfer assembly positioned above the conveyor belt, the transfer assembly having

a straw retaining member constructed and arranged to receive and retain the straw packages substantially parallel to the first side of the bags,

a disconnecting member to disconnect one straw package from the plurality of straw packages, and

a straw applying member having a depressing arm and a pivoting arm, wherein rotating the pivoting arm of the lever displaces the depressing arm downward toward the conveyor belt to displace a straw package away from the retaining member and to apply the straw package onto one of the plurality of bags on the conveyor belt such that the straw package is attached to the bag via the adhesive.